

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant would like to point out that the parent application (U.S. Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 10/117,151, filed April 4, 2002) contained two different restriction requirements. The first restriction requirement, mailed on September 5, 2003, contained a two-way restriction wherein Group 1 comprised claims 1-7 and 14-16. The second restriction requirement, mailed November 17, 2003, contained a four-way restriction wherein Group 1 comprised claims 1-11 and 14-16. Applicant cannot reconcile these two distinct restriction requirements. Accordingly, Applicant will act as if the second restriction requirement **supercedes** the first restriction requirement, thereby rendering the first restriction requirement void.

In a preliminary amendment filed October 6, 2003, Applicant elected to prosecute Group 1 in this divisional application. This election was with reference to the first restriction requirement, as discussed above. As previously stated, the second restriction requirement referenced a Group 1 that comprised claims 1-11 and 14-16. As a result, Applicant inadvertently mischaracterized Group 1 as claims 1-7 and 14-16, thereby inadvertently omitting claims 8-11.

Applicant notes that claims 8-11 were inadvertently **canceled** in the October 3, 2003, preliminary amendment. Accordingly, Applicant adds new claims 28-31, which correspond to originally-filed claims 8-11. In addition, Applicant notes that claim 1 and newly added claim 28 correct inadvertent typographical errors contained in either the as-filed claims or previously submitted claim listing. These amendments do not add new matter.

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